

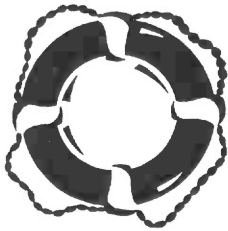
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TITANIC



From the moment she was launched, the *Titanic* captivated the imagination of the world. Now you can see artifacts recovered at the time the great liner sank when *TITANIC: Voyage Through Time* opens at the Peel Heritage Complex February 1, 1998.

Over 1500 people died when the *Titanic* sank in 1912, her hull punctured by an iceberg. Although the ship carried the legally required number of lifeboats, there were far fewer spaces than the total number of passengers and crew. Once those boats were lowered, the remaining men, women and children on board were doomed to death in the icy North Atlantic.

The ship's designers had boasted *Titanic* to be "unsinkable" and news of the disaster was met with world-wide shock and disbelief. Alton resident William Algie no doubt felt lucky -- he had cancelled his *Titanic* booking and returned from England on another liner.

For years the *Titanic*'s final resting place was a mystery, and theories surrounding the details of the disaster abounded. The discovery of the *Titanic* by Dr. Robert Ballard in 1986 answered many of the questions. Details uncovered by Ballard and subsequent explorers have fueled many books and now a hit movie. It seems the more we know about the fabled liner, the more interest there is in the tragic story.

The artifacts in *TITANIC: Voyage Through Time* were found shortly after the disaster, either floating at the wreck site or washed ashore. David Somers, Curator of the Peel Heritage Complex, feels strongly that the wreck site should not be salvaged or disturbed. "It is, in effect, a mass grave and I think we should respect that," he says.

Archival records from the time will help visitors understand the impact of the disaster. "This is a rare opportunity to see fascinating artifacts," says Michael Proudlock, Manager of the Heritage Complex, "don't miss it!"



Streetsville Review, April 18, 1912

★ TITANIC

Voyage Through Time

February 1 - May 4, 1998
Regular admission charges
(members free)

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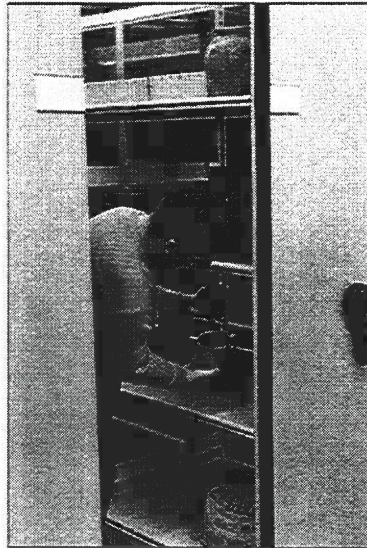
Mobile shelving in place



It's built! And it's beautiful!

Can you get excited about empty shelves? You can when they are part of a state-of-the-art *Spacesaver* mobile storage system for the Region of Peel Museum's Permanent Collection.

Collections Management staff spent most of September 1997 wrapping and securely packing the collection, everything from hair pins and fragile crystal to a blacksmith's anvil and bellows! The collection was moved off-site over a two-day period, and then the *Spacesaver* crew moved in. The shelving was completed November 5, thanks to the hard work of Ben, Ken & Robin of *Spacesaver* who worked around the clock to deliver a quality product. This professional system is beautiful, functional and spacious - all things which the Museum collection deserves in a new home. A heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Region of Peel Museum who funded the \$50,000 project. Thanks also to our colleagues in Facilities Management who added lights and a fresh coat of paint to brighten up the space. Staff will reintegrate the collection into the new system throughout 1998, and hope to give members a sneak preview later in the year.



Registrar and Regional Archivist Sharon Larade tests the new system

from the Development Office

Here are some of the results from *On the Treasure Trail* -

Discovering Art & Heritage, the collaborative programme of ten museums and art galleries in Halton and Peel last summer.

The programme was successful in drawing new audiences to the Peel Heritage Complex. Statistics show that 45 percent of all *Treasure Trail* visitors had never been to the Complex before. More than 46 percent came from Mississauga, and of these, 70 percent were first time visitors. Of the visitors from outside Peel, 80 percent were here for the first time.

The project budget included Microsoft Access 97, software which will enable the management of marketing and programme databases. Information gathered during the *Treasure Trail* will form the basis of this new database.

"This was the first of a series of joint marketing and promotion ventures," said Carole LaCentra, Peel Heritage Complex Development Officer. "This year, look for the next edition of *On the Treasure Trail*. Heritage, visual and performing arts organizations will join to give you more timely and complete information of 'what's on', including a **trans-regional arts information toll-free line.**"

looking for volunteers

WE need YOU! Our recent expansion in programmes, exhibitions and collections has been wonderful, but we need help to sustain the current level of excellence. Do you have time to offer on a regular basis? You could work with the Permanent Collections (art, artifacts or archives); help in the gift shop or work on a special event. If you are interested in helping to preserve culture in your community please attend a meeting on January 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Complex. For more information contact Nancy Webb at (905) 451-2813.



Winter/Spring exhibitions and programs

Exhibition talks

The Saga of the Titanic
2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 1
Free with admission

Family Sundays

Hey Valentine - Be Mine
1:00 - 4:00 Sunday, February 8
Free with admission, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Are you Looking at Me?
1:00 - 4:00 Sunday, March 22
Free with admission, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Titanic Mystery Hunt
1:00 - 4:00 Sunday, April 26
Free with admission, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Just for kids

March Break Madness
March 16 - 20

- Draw Squad
- Sculpture Crazy

Each half day: \$20.00.
Five five half days: \$70.00.
Come for the WHOLE WEEK
(9:00 - 4:00) and pay only
\$120.00

Workshops for adults

Please register for workshops in advance. The Peel Heritage Complex reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registration.

Millinery Weekend Workshop
Saturday and Sunday, February 21 and 22
1:00 - 4:00
\$110.00 per person

Genealogy Workshop
Saturday, March 28
1:00 - 4:00
\$25 per person

Creative Memories Archival Scrapbook and Photo Album Workshop
Saturday, March 7
1:00 - 4:00
\$15.00 per person

Shuttle Tatting
Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5
10:00 - 4:00
\$75.00 per person

Special event!

Heritage Day, Sun. Feb. 15
12:30 - 4:00
Free admission

Join us for a heritage surprise!

Art Gallery of Peel

The Art Gallery of Peel presents **Salon: Selections from the Permanent Collection** from January 14 to February 22. Some of our newest and most exciting works will be on exhibit in a salon style exhibition.

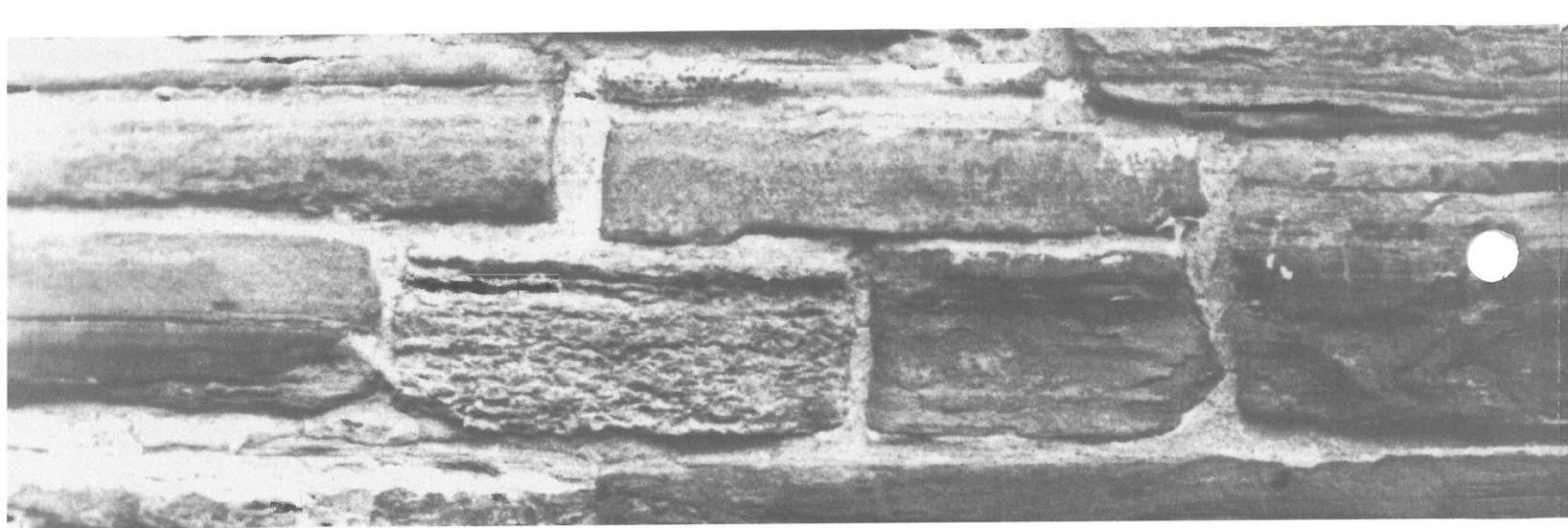
Lorne Toews: Recent Paintings runs from March 4 to April 19. Toews' portrait and figure studies are both beautiful and emotionally arresting.

Charles Armstrong Gallery

of 19th and 20th Century Peel History

Snapshot Memories - A Look at Photography in Peel from a turn-of-the-century photo studio, to contemporary innovative photographic techniques, the exhibition looks at the last 100 years of photography in Peel. The exhibit runs from January 14 to September 5.

Done by Hand, a celebration of things hand-made, opens February 1 in the **Brain Cell Learning Centre**. Unique and beautiful artifacts from the Permanent Collection will be on display, including hair wreaths, embroidery, pillow lace, painted porcelain and much more.



hours:

Archives

Mon. - Fri.: 10:00 - 4:30 PM

Sat.: 12:00 - 4:30 PM

Exhibitions & Gift Shop

Tue. - Fri.: 10:00 - 4:30 PM

Thursday: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Sat. & Sun.: 12:00 - 4:30 PM

admission:

Archives & Gift Shop: free

Exhibitions:

Members: free

Adults: \$2.50

Seniors: \$1.50

Students: \$ 1.00

Families: \$7.00

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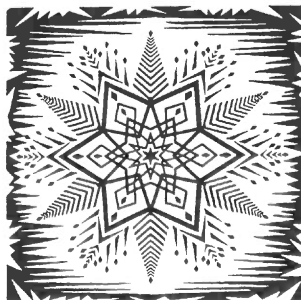
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Now that winter is here and the ice is in at Gage Park, bring

your family downtown for some fresh air fun. Warm up after skating with a visit to the Heritage Complex.



parking update!

More parking news! The City of Brampton has announced that the first three hours of parking will be FREE at their City Hall, Nelson Square and Market Square parking garages.

The City Hall lot is the closest to the Complex; take Wellington west of Highway 10 to George St., turn north and you'll see the entrance to the underground garage.

New in the Gift Shop

... **TITANIC books** for children and adults! We are the only source in downtown Brampton for children's books (arts, crafts, nature, dinosaurs), local history books, posters, UNICEF products, and unique gift items. It's a great shop, and as a member you receive a **10 percent member's discount!**



Heritage Complex Gift Shop

neat gifts, toys and books



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